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BY A LATENT MERCAPTAN AND A MIXTURE OF A ZINC  
CARBOXYLATE AND ZINC CHLORIDE**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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The Examiner may find the enclosed documents relevant to the invention of the present application.

Applicant notes that a copy of each of the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are enclosed herewith. All of the listed documents were cited in a European Search Report issued in connection with Applicant's counterpart European application (i.e., EP Appln. No. 01 30 8774). The European Search Report, a copy of which is also enclosed herewith, provides an indication of the relevance of each of the documents cited therein. In addition, all of the cited documents are in the English language. In the foregoing circumstances, no further comments are deemed necessary.

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Respectfully submitted,



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